

OGC HAS REVIEWED.

SEP 19 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL COUNSEL, LEGAL STAFF

SUBJECT: Presidential Directive on Departure of Persons
from the United States

REFERENCES: a. Draft of subject directive dated
10 August 1950
b. Ltr dated 8 September 1950, to DCI,
from ICIS transmitting reference (a)

1. Pursuant to the request of General Counsel on routing slip dated 14 September, the following comment is offered on reference documents:

a. By terms of reference documents, the proposed Presidential Directive would be applicable to all persons who had possession of information which was classified SECRET or higher. Such a broad category would include all staff employees and agents of OPC.

b. Paragraph 1 of reference (a) requests information on all persons whose departure from this country is believed to be inimical to the best interests of the United States because of their possession of such information, but the second paragraph of reference (b) indicates that such data should be reported on all persons who possess such information whether or not employed by such agencies.

c. It is suggested that CIA should recommend against the adoption of reference (a) in its present form because strict interpretation would:

(1) Establish an unnecessarily cumbersome and complex mechanism.

(2) Constitute a serious

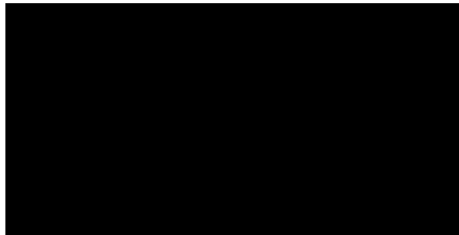
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(2) Constitute a serious security threat to CIA and its operations because it would require a complete listing of all personnel including operational agents.

(3) Establish a mechanism that might be subject to misuse and abuse.

(4) The inevitable delay and the possible misuse could seriously impair the operational efficiency of CIA.

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